

AMENDMENT

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4 Item to be Amended Claims

5 Subject Matter of Amendment

As per the attached sheets, where

(1) claim 3 is incorporated into claim 1 at page 22 of
CLAIMS, and claim 3 is deleted.

6 List of Attached Documents

(1) Pages 22 and 23 of CLAIMS

CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A valve-regulated lead-acid battery comprising: an electrode plate group; and
an electrolyte impregnated into and retained by said electrode plate group,
said electrode plate group comprising:
positive electrode plates that each include a positive electrode current collector comprising a Sn-containing lead alloy, and a positive electrode active material retained by said positive electrode current collector;
negative electrode plates that each include a negative electrode current collector comprising a lead alloy, and a negative electrode active material retained by said negative electrode current collector; and
separators,
wherein Sn content in said positive electrode current collector is 1.1 to 3.0 % by mass, and pore volume per unit mass of said negative electrode active material is 0.115 to 0.150 cm³/g, and
part of said electrolyte is a free electrolyte that is free from said electrode plate group, and said free electrolyte is in contact with said separators.
2. The valve-regulated lead-acid battery in accordance with claim 1, wherein the Sn content in said positive electrode current collector is 1.6 to 2.5 % by mass.

3. (Deleted)